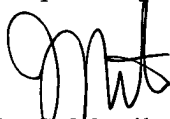


## REMARKS

This application is a divisional of patent application Serial No. 10/147,626, filed on May 16, 2002, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/752,568 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,418,004) filed December 28, 2000. In accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement in the grandparent application, Applicant elected to prosecute the Group I claims 1-7 in the grandparent application (09/752,568). Applicant elected to prosecute Group III, claims 11-20, in the parent application (10/147,626). Accordingly, originally-filed claims 1-7 and 11-20 have been cancelled.

Examination of claims 8-10 and 21-34 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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